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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the non-final Office Action dated December 12, 2008, for which a response is due on January 12, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 12, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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